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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 17, 2005

In reply to the Office Action of March 17, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected over US 6,692,674 as regarding an impermissible obviousness-type double patenting. In response, Applicants submit herewith an appropriate terminal disclaimer and ask that the rejection be removed.

Claims 6-19 have been allowed. Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. §1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims Insert dependent Claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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